

THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM.

REGULATIONS

TO BE OBSERVED AT THE QUEEN'S DRAWING ROOM TO BE HELD, ON BEHALF OF HER MAJESTY BY HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES, AT ST. JAMES'S PALACE.

By Her Majesty's Command.

The Ladies, who propose to attend Her Majesty's Drawing Room, at St. James's Palace, are requested to bring with them two large cards, with their names *clearly written* thereon, one to be left with the Queen's Page in Attendance in the Corridor, and the other to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, who will announce the name to The Princess.

PRESENTATIONS.

Any Lady who proposes to be presented must leave at the Lord Chamberlain's Office, *before twelve o'clock*, two clear days before the Drawing Room, a card with her name written thereon, and with the name of the Lady by whom she is to be

presented. In order to carry out the existing regulation, that no presentation can be made at a Drawing Room excepting by a Lady actually attending that Court, it is also necessary that a letter from the Lady who is to make the presentation, stating it to be her intention to be present, should accompany the presentation card above referred to, which will be submitted to The Queen, for Her Majesty's approbation. It is Her Majesty's Command, that no presentations shall be made at the Drawing Room, except in accordance with the above regulations.

It is particularly requested that in every case the names be *very distinctly written* upon the cards to be delivered to the Lord Chamberlain, in order that there may be no difficulty in announcing them to The Princess.

It is not expected that Gentlemen will present themselves at the Drawing Room, except in attendance upon the Ladies of their families.

The State apartments will be open for the reception of Company coming to Court at one o'clock.

SYDNEY,
Lord Chamberlain.

DECLARATION of the British and Spanish Governments for the Abolition of the Practice of Firing on Merchant-Vessels from British and Spanish Forts in the Straits of Gibraltar.

Signed at Madrid, March 2, 1865.

THE Government of Her Majesty the Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, and the Government of Her Majesty the Queen of Spain, taking into consideration that the causes which gave rise to the establishment of certain precautions in the fortified places which command the Straits of Gibraltar, in the case of vessels approaching them within the distance of cannon-shot while sailing in those waters, no longer exist; and having regard to the inconveniences to which the navigation of merchant vessels has been liable by a compliance with the formalities to which they are subjected by reason of the aforesaid precautions, when the currents or the winds oblige them to enter into the waters belonging to the maritime jurisdiction of the aforesaid fortified places; and taking into consideration, finally, that those fortified places, under normal circumstances, are exempted by the good faith of nations from surprises or attacks which the law of nations condemns, have agreed upon what follows:—

1°.

In the places of war and fortresses belonging to Great Britain and Spain which command the Straits of Gibraltar, those regulations are abolished, in virtue of which it is required that merchant vessels which cruize in the said straits shall show their flag in passing within cannon-shot of those places or fortresses; and it is agreed equally to abolish the intimation by means of shots, at first with powder only, and afterwards with ball, to those vessels which neglect or refuse to comply with the aforesaid obligation of showing their flag.

2°.

The agreement which precedes does not deprive the Governments of Great Britain and Spain of the right of taking, in the aforesaid places and

EL Gobierno de Su Majestad la Reina del Reino Unido de la Gran Bretaña e Irlanda, y el de Su Majestad la Reina de España, tomando en consideracion que han desaparecido ya las causas que motivaron ciertas precauciones establecidas en las plazas de guerra que dominan el Estrecho de Gibraltar, para los casos en que se aproximan á ellas bajo el tiro de cañon, los buques que navegan en aquellas aguas; y en vista de los inconvenientes que ofrece para la navegacion mercante el cumplimiento de las formalidades á que por razon de las referidas precauciones se hallan sujetos, cuando las corrientes ó los vientos les obligan á entrar en las aguas pertenecientes á la jurisdiccion marítima de dichas plazas de guerra; y atendiendo por ultimo á que estas en circunstancias normales se hallan escudadas por la buena fé de las naciones contra sorpresas y atentados que condena el derecho de gentes, han convenido en lo siguiente:—

1°.

Quedan suprimidas en las plazas de guerra y fortalezas pertenecientes á Inglaterra y España que dominan el Estrecho de Gibraltar, las disposiciones en cuya virtud se exige que los buques mercantes que cruzan dicho Estrecho muestren su bandera al pasar bajo el tiro de cañon de aquellas plazas ó fortalezas; quedando igualmente suprimida la intimacion por medio de disparos con pólvora sola primeramente, y con bala despues, á los buques que descuidan ó rehusan el cumplimiento de la espresada obligacion de mostrar su bandera.

2°.

El acuerdo que precede no priva á los Gobiernos de Inglaterra y España de la facultad de establecer, en las espresadas plazas y fortalezas,